## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A <u>computer-implemented</u> method of assigning <u>weighting</u> <u>weights</u> <u>coefficients</u> to measurements of a <u>succession</u> <u>selection</u> of stars, the measurements being acquired by a star sensor connected to a client device, in order to determine a spatial orientation, <u>the method</u> comprising the steps of giving higher or lower preference to refreshment, by at least one or both of the star sensor and its client device, of

<u>a the positions of the measurements with at least one or</u> both of the highest weights and /or of

the stars on which these measurements are made by the star sensor and/or its client device,

so as to displace, within a frequency spectrum, a part of the a power of the an error associated with the set of star measurements—of the selection of stars. within the frequency spectrum.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein in the a calculation of the weights of the measurements in a current selection of stars, the reinforcement higher or attenuation lower preference takes place as a result of applying a distance weight

associated with each measurement in the current selection and

characteristic of an average distance between

firstly on the one hand the said measurement and

secondly on the other hand the measurements for the

previous selections of stars and the other measurements in the

current selection of stars.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein the distance weight associated with each the current selection measurement in the current selection

is calculated as a weighted average of the corresponding distances, each distance corresponding to the distance between

to the said measurement, in the current selection of stars and

secondly on the other hand a second measurement, each second measurement being respectively the measurements for the previous selections of stars and or the other measurements in the current selection.

- 4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, <del>characterised in that</del><u>wherein</u> the <u>distance</u> weight<del>ing coefficient</del> associated with <del>the</del> a distance between
  - a first measurement in the current selection and
- a second measurement in a previous selection of stars or another measurement in the current selection of stars, includes
- a memory coefficient associated with at least one or both of the said second measurement, and/or

the weight of the second measurement if it the second measurement belongs to a previous selection of stars, or a temporary weight if it the second measurement belongs to the current selection of stars.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, characterised in that wherein the distance weight is calculation calculated by combinesing the

<u>an</u> angular distance between the <u>first measurement two and</u> the second measurements, and

an identity distance that depends on the difference in nature of the two stars for which the first measurement and the second measurements are being made.

- 6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 4, characterised in that wherein the a memory coefficient Mem of a measurement  $m_i$  at time t is defined using the following formula:  $Mem(m_i/t) = \mu \times \Pi^{-[t-T(m_i)]}, \text{ where}$ 
  - T(mk) is a validity date of a measurement mk
  - $\mu$  and  $\Pi$  are constants.
- 7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein a charge Cha is assigned to each star for which a measurement is made, the charge Cha summarising the weights assigned to the measurements made on the said star in the past, attenuated by the passage of time.
- 8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, characterised in that wherein the charge Cha of the a star ep is defined at an instant T by the following formula:

Cha(
$$e_p$$
,  $T$ ) = 
$$\sum_{\substack{i=P+1\\E(m_i)=e_p}}^{N} [A(m_i) \times \text{Mem}(m_i/T)]$$

where  $Mem(m_i/T)$  is the a memory coefficient of the a measurement  $m_i$  at time T,  $E(m_i)$  is the a star on which the measurement  $m_i$  is made, and  $A(m_i)$  is the weight of the measurement weight  $m_i$ .

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, characterised in that wherein the charge Cha, associated with a star to for which a measurement in the current selection is related made, is updated before it is used in the calculation of the weight associated with a the said measurement, the update being made using a coefficient that depends on the a difference  $\Delta$  between the a current date and the a last date of a previous update date for this the said charge Cha.

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10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 9, characterised in that wherein the update of the charge Cha is made by multiplying the previous update of the charge Cha by a the coefficient may be a factor and is in the form  $\Pi^{-\Delta}$ , where  $\Pi$  is a constant.

- 11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 9, eharacterised in that wherein the update of the charge Cha is made by adding a coefficient  $-\rho \times A$  where  $\rho$  is a constant, to the previous update of the charge Cha the coefficient is additive and is in the form  $-\rho \times A$ , where  $\rho$  is a constant.
- 12. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, characterised in that wherein, after calculating the weight associated with a measurement in the current selection, the charge Cha associated with the star for which this measurement was made, is updated.
- 13. (currently amended) The method according to claim 12, characterised in that wherein the update of the charge Cha is made by adding the weight associated with the measurement.
- 14. (currently amended) The method according to claim <u>#2</u>, characterised in that wherein a random <u>function Gaussian</u> variable is used in the calculation of the weights.
- 15. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein the calculation of the distance weight is iterated with a temporary weight associated with for measurements in the current selection, the distance weight being used to calculate a new the temporary weight itself used to

calculate a new distance weight and so on, the iterations being made until convergence towards a final distance weight.

## 16. (Cancelled)

- 17. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein giving higher preference to the refreshment rate of stars with a large high weight is increased made by increasing the a frequency of measurements of the star sensor and/or the client device.
- 18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the a dispersion of the a complete new selection is used directly in the weights, using processing means related to the sensor and/or client device.
- 19. (currently amended) The method according to claim 18, characterised in that wherein the processing means related to the sensor and/or the client device comprise a neural network—used to directly affect dispersion in the weights.
  - 20. (cancelled)
  - 21. (cancelled)
- 22. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein a random uniform variable is used in the calculation of the weights.